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YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.

Hey, Boomers...

STC gives it to you *straight* this issue in the shape of a fab **FREE Sonic Ruler** - now there's no excuse for wobbly lines in your maths books (you humes have all the fun!). Other goodies include the beginning of THREE new stories - so come closer...

First off, Sonic gets a call to help prevent pollution on a massive scale in **Crisis In The Chemical Plant Zone**.

On the Tails front, a series of robberies have taken place in the Eldorado Zone. Now Darts Champion, Eric Bungalow is the latest citizen to be pilfered from, and no prizes for guessing who gets accused in the concluding part of **Fall of The Leaf**.

It's way past Chuck's bedtime at Castle Frank N Stein but he's too excited to sleep! Yes, he's turned secret snack attacker in part one of a brand new **Decap Attack** story (well, could you resist Barbecued Gibbon flavour Slurp A Cheese - I should hope so!).

Amy and Tekno are trying to find their way back to Planet Mobius after their recent adventure in space. However, their sense of direction's gone askew as they begin another new adventure, entitled **Earthbound**.

Plus, there's a sharp **Metallix Mark 1 Pin-Up**, plus your **Metal Gurus Graphic Zone** artwork.

So Boomers, meet me here again in two weeks, when they'll be a chance to win one of **five** terrific bikes (see below). *STC* - the comic you never *tyre* of!

Megadroid

CAN YOU HANDLE *STC* 115's WHEELY GOOD COMPO?

How many of you have been told to get on your bike? More than a few no doubt, and next issue you get the chance to do just that in a red hot compo which sees not one, but ***five*** Mountain bikes up for grabs; *plus*, you can also win the essential safety gear too!

So make sure you make like greased lightning and head for your newsagents on the first day of October!

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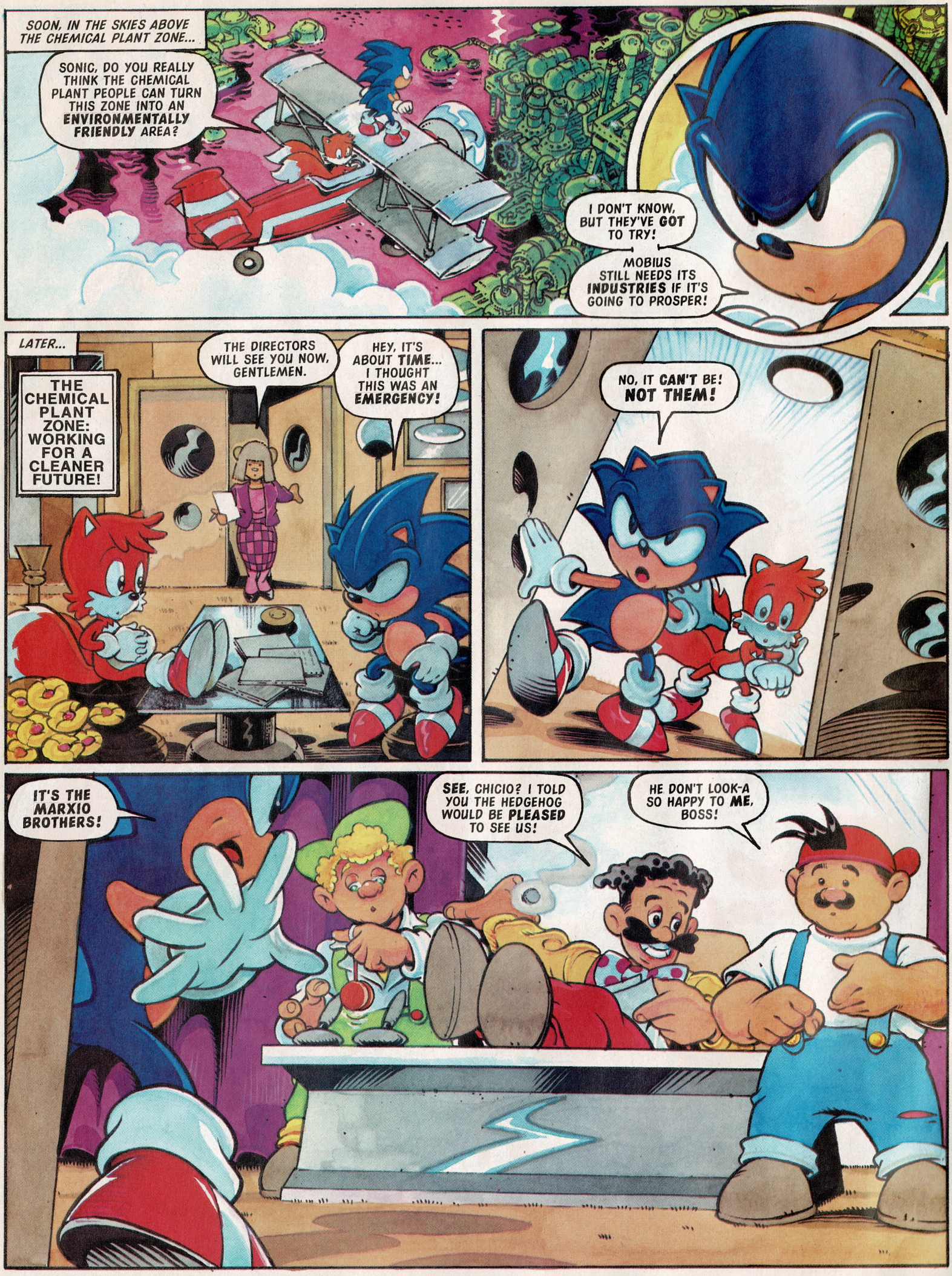
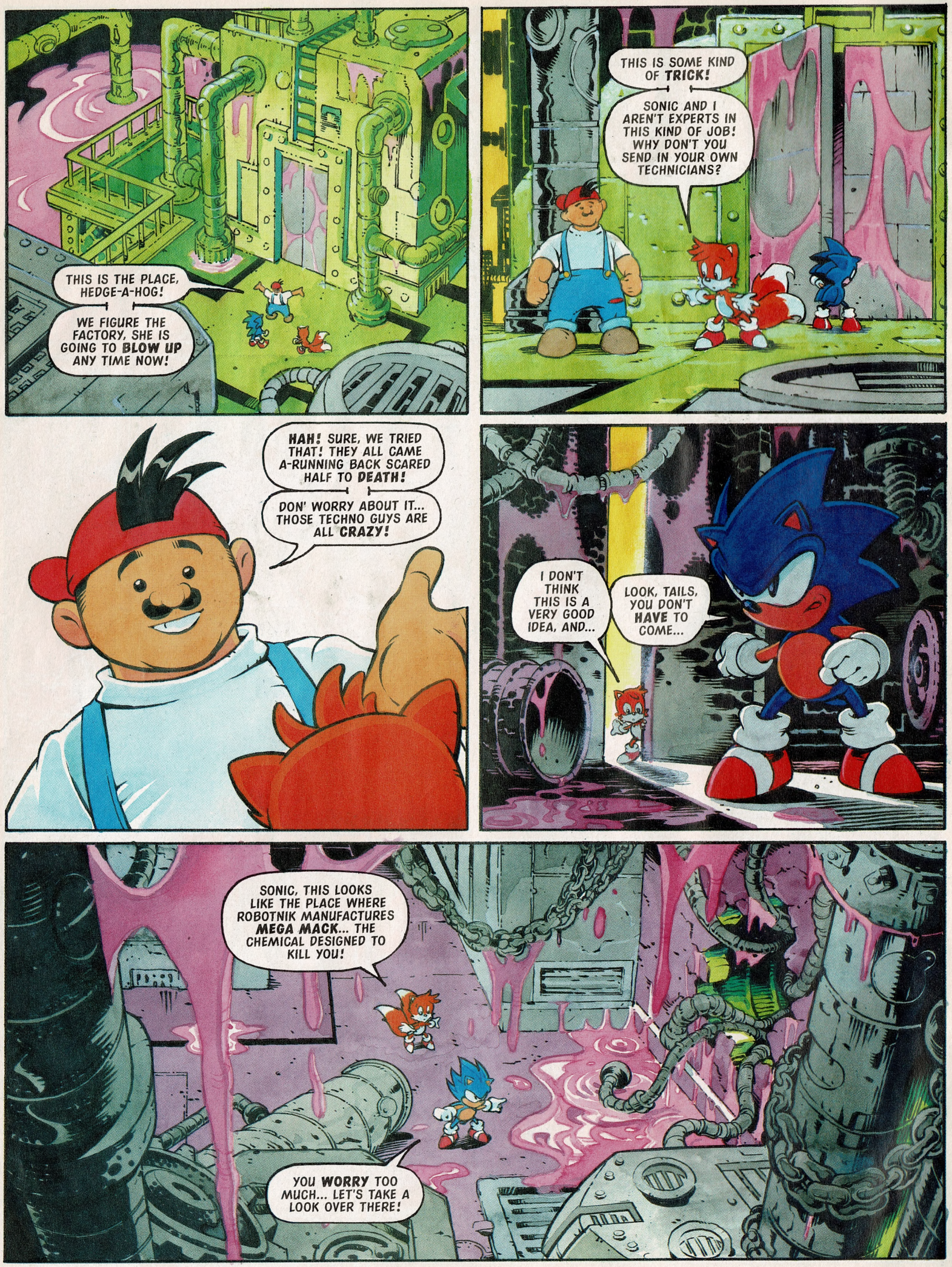
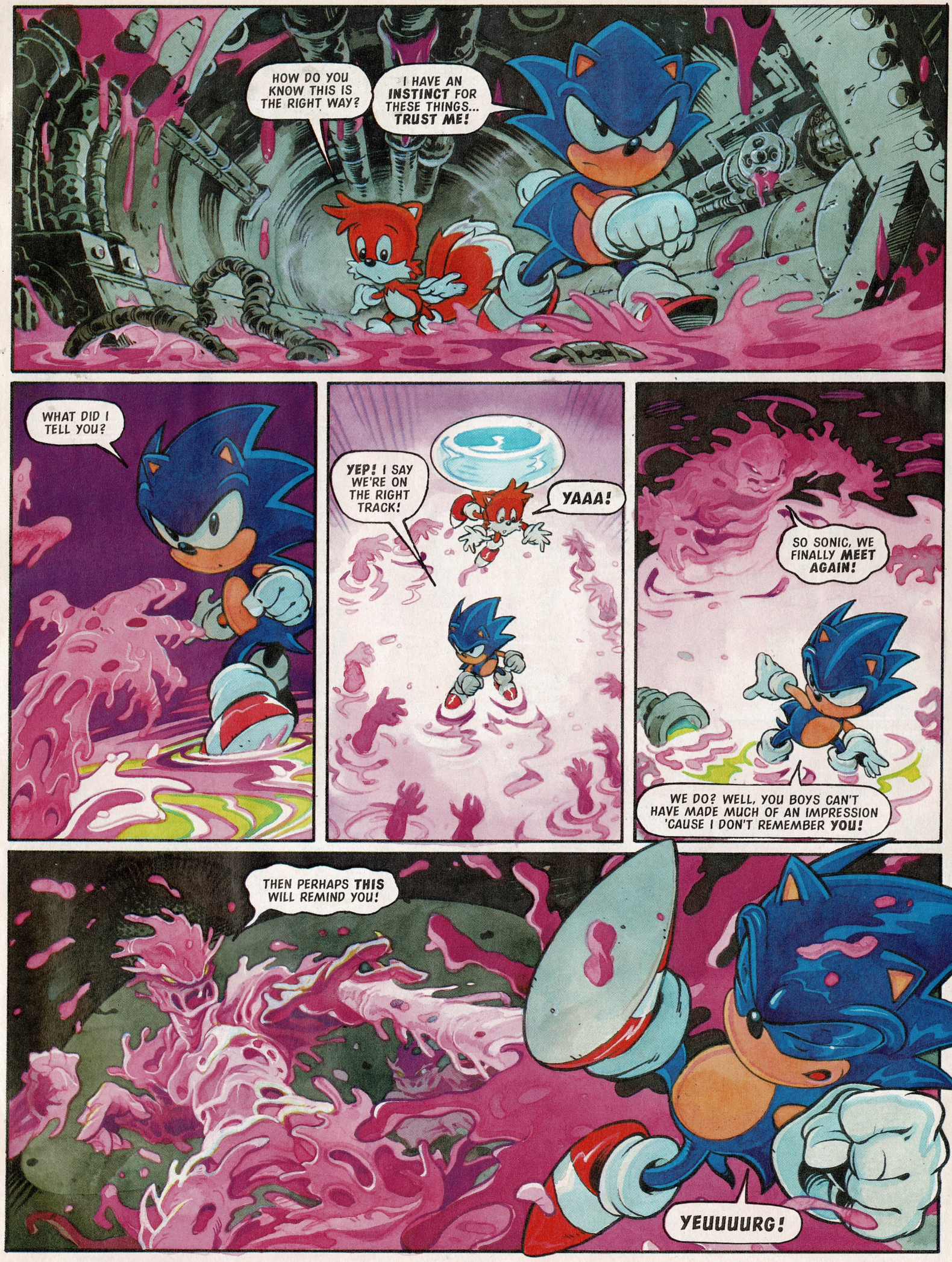
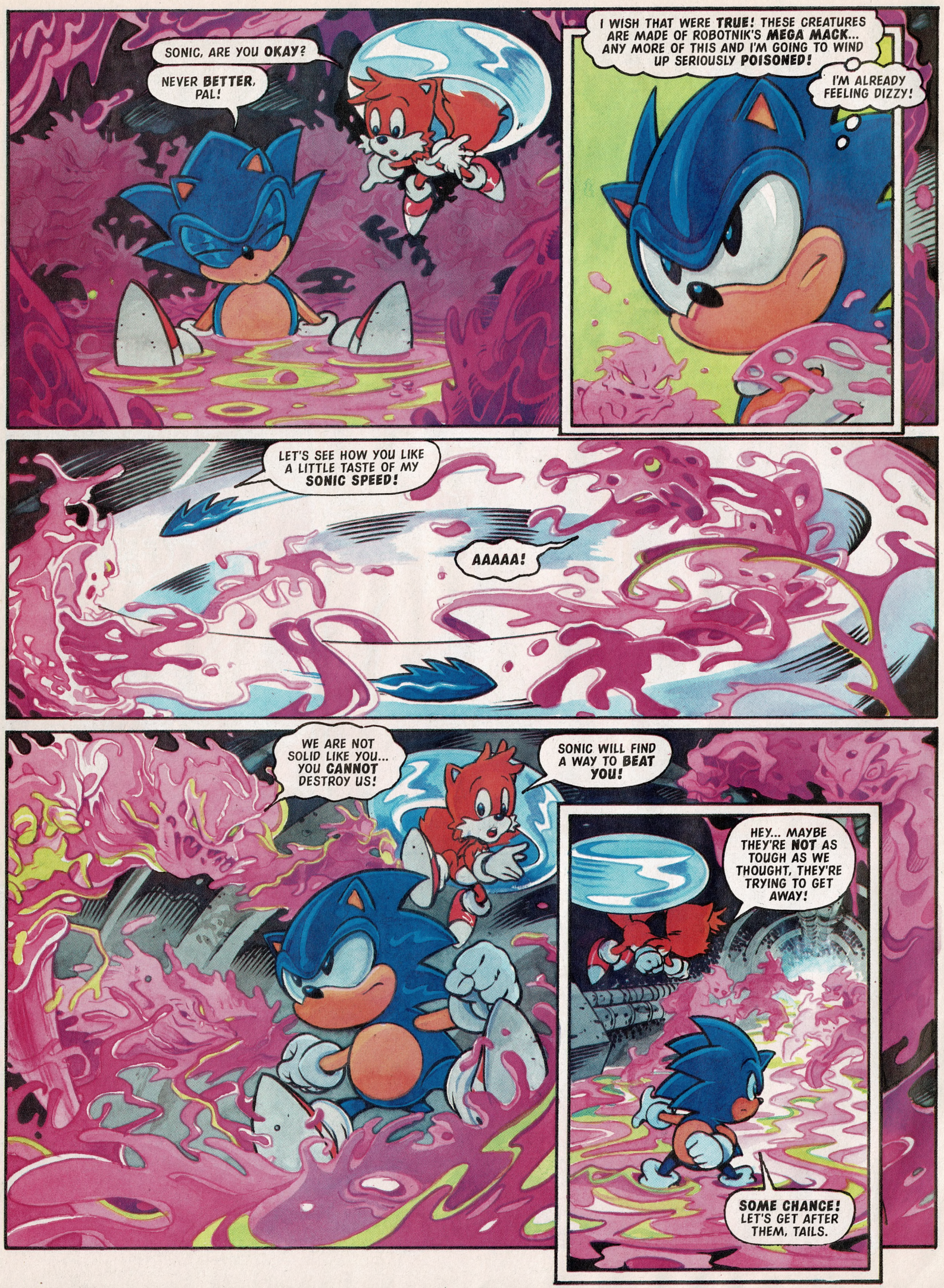
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
CRISIS IN THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE
NEW PART 1
Script: NIGEL KITCHING Art: RICHARD ELSON Lettering: TOM FRAME
THE CONTROL CENTRE OF THE EMERALD HILL VILLAGE.
SONIC, THERE'S A MESSAGE COMING IN... IT'S A CALL FOR HELP FROM THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE!
OKAY, KINTOBOR, PUT IT ON THE SCREEN!
THAT'S THE ODD THING — WHOEVER'S TRYING TO CONTACT US IS ONLY TRANSMITTING AUDIO!
WE HAVE A SERIOUS MALFUNCTION... WE'RE FACING A MAJOR ECOLOGICAL DISASTER HERE... POLLUTION ON A MASSIVE SCALE!
SONIC, WE NEED YOUR HELP!
WHY DIDN'T THEY USE A VIDEO CONNECTION? THIS COULD BE A TRAP!
COOL IT, TAILS. WITH ROBOTNIK OUT OF THE PICTURE WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT... LET'S GO!
CLICK!


SOON, IN THE SKIES ABOVE THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE...
SONIC, DO YOU REALLY THINK THE CHEMICAL PLANT PEOPLE CAN TURN THIS ZONE INTO AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY AREA?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT THEY'VE GOT TO TRY!
MOBIUS STILL NEEDS ITS INDUSTRIES IF IT'S GOING TO PROSPER!
LATER...
THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE: WORKING FOR A CLEANER FUTURE!
THE DIRECTORS WILL SEE YOU NOW, GENTLEMEN.
HEY, IT'S ABOUT TIME... I THOUGHT THIS WAS AN EMERGENCY!
NO, IT CAN'T BE! NOT THEM!
IT'S THE MARXIO BROTHERS!
SEE, CHICIO? I TOLD YOU THE HEDGEHOG WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE US!
HE DON'T LOOK-A SO HAPPY TO ME, BOSS!

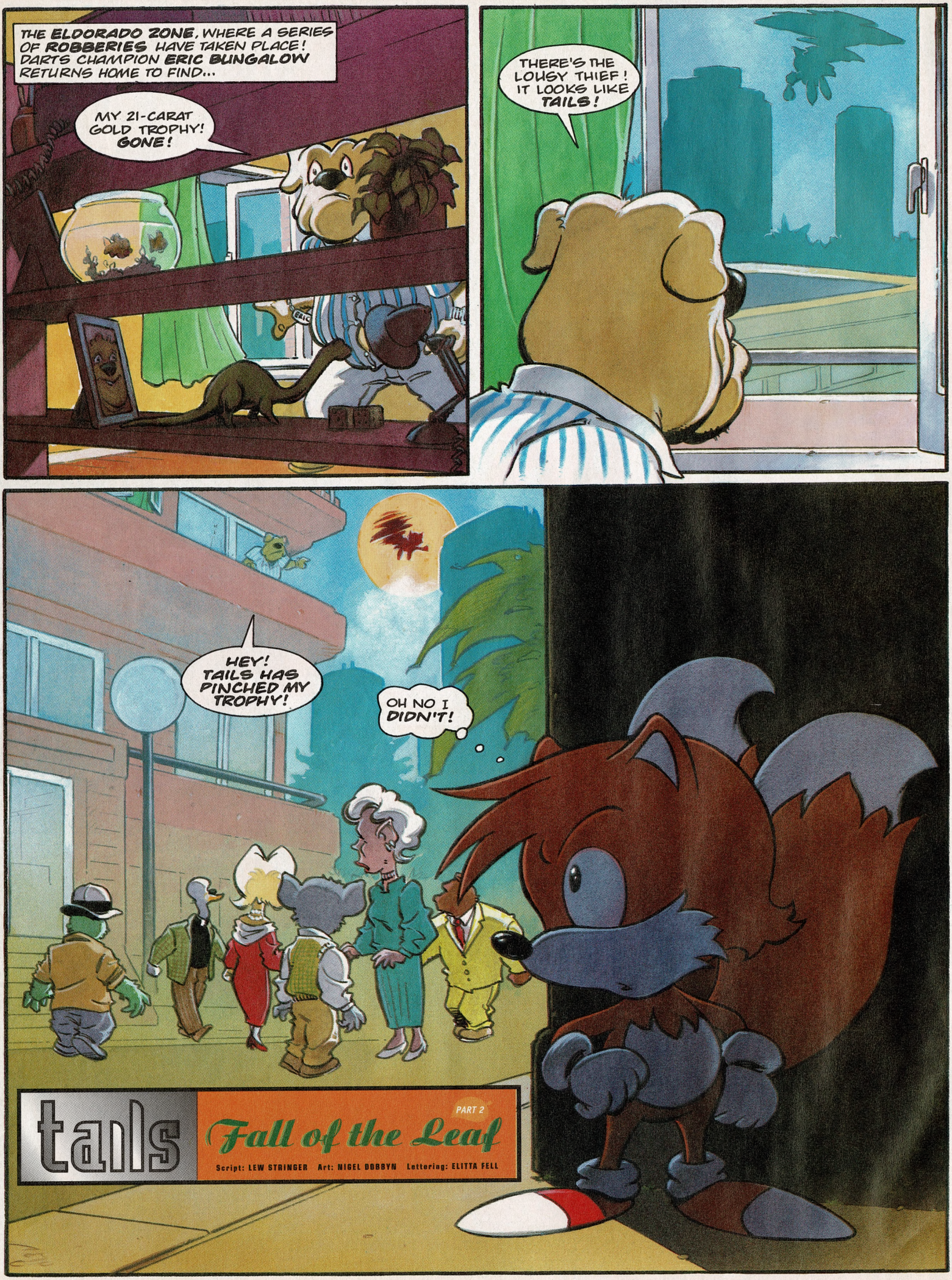
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, GROUCHIO, AND I DON'T CARE!
I WANT YOU AND YOUR CRAZY BROTHERS OFF PLANET MOBIUS!
TAKE IT EASY, SPIKY! YOU CAN'T THROW US OUT, WE OWN THIS ZONE!
HARPIO, SHOW HIM THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE OWNERSHIP PAPERS!
AND ALL THAT UNPLEASANTNESS FROM BEFORE... WELL, THE NICE PEOPLE OF MOBIUS HAVE GIVEN US A FREE PARDON!
THAT'S A-RIGHT! WE WAS MISLED BY THAT WICKED DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!
RIGHT, SHOW ME WHERE THE PROBLEM IS, I'LL DO WHAT I CAN, THEN I'M OUT OF THIS MADHOUSE!
OKEY-DOKEY! I'M-A IN CHARGE OF PLANT SAFETY, YOU COME-A WITH ME!
YOU? IN CHARGE OF SAFETY? THIS GETS WORSE!


THIS IS THE PLACE, HEDGE-A-HOG!
WE FIGURE THE FACTORY, SHE IS GOING TO BLOW UP ANY TIME NOW!
THIS IS SOME KIND OF TRICK!
SONIC AND I AREN'T EXPERTS IN THIS KIND OF JOB! WHY DON'T YOU SEND IN YOUR OWN TECHNICIANS?
HAH! SURE, WE TRIED THAT! THEY ALL CAME A-RUNNING BACK SCARED HALF TO DEATH!
DON' WORRY ABOUT IT... THOSE TECHNO GUYS ARE ALL CRAZY!
I DON'T THINK THIS IS A VERY GOOD IDEA, AND...
LOOK, TAILS, YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME...
SONIC, THIS LOOKS LIKE THE PLACE WHERE ROBOTNIK MANUFACTURES MEGA MACK... THE CHEMICAL DESIGNED TO KILL YOU!
YOU WORRY TOO MUCH... LET'S TAKE A LOOK OVER THERE!


HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY?
I HAVE AN INSTINCT FOR THESE THINGS... TRUST ME!
WHAT DID I TELL YOU?
YEP! I SAY WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK!
YAAA!
SO SONIC, WE FINALLY MEET AGAIN!
WE DO? WELL, YOU BOYS CAN'T HAVE MADE MUCH OF AN IMPRESSION 'CAUSE I DON'T REMEMBER YOU!
THEN PERHAPS THIS WILL REMIND YOU!
YEUUUURG!


SONIC, ARE YOU OKAY?
NEVER BETTER, PAL!
I WISH THAT WERE TRUE! THESE CREATURES ARE MADE OF ROBOTNIK'S MEGA MACK... ANY MORE OF THIS AND I'M GOING TO WIND UP SERIOUSLY POISONED!
I'M ALREADY FEELING DIZZY!
LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE A LITTLE TASTE OF MY SONIC SPEED!
AAAAA!
WE ARE NOT SOLID LIKE YOU... YOU CANNOT DESTROY US!
SONIC WILL FIND A WAY TO BEAT YOU!
HEY... MAYBE THEY'RE NOT AS TOUGH AS WE THOUGHT, THEY'RE TRYING TO GET AWAY!
SOME CHANCE! LET'S GET AFTER THEM, TAILS.

WOW... LOOK AT THIS PLACE!
YEP! IF ANYWHERE IS DUE TO BLOW UP, THIS IS THE PLACE ALL RIGHT!
YOU'RE TOO LATE, SONIC! IN A FEW MOMENTS THIS FACTORY WILL EXPLODE AND THE MEGA MACK WILL FLOOD INTO THE EMERALD RIVER AND HEAD TOWARDS THE EMERALD HILL ZONE!
YOUR PRECIOUS ZONE WILL BECOME SO POLLUTED THAT NOTHING WILL BE ABLE TO GROW THERE FOR A HUNDRED YEARS!
HAHAHAHAHA!
NEXT ISSUE: CHEMICAL SPILL!


THE ELDORADO ZONE, WHERE A SERIES OF ROBBERIES HAVE TAKEN PLACE! DARTS CHAMPION ERIC BUNGALOW RETURNS HOME TO FIND...
MY 21-CARAT GOLD TROPHY! GONE!
THERE'S THE LOUSY THIEF! IT LOOKS LIKE TAILS!
HEY! TAILS HAS PINCHED MY TROPHY!
OH NO I DIDN'T!
tails
PART 2
Fall of the Leaf
Script: LEW STRINGER Art: NIGEL DOBBYN Lettering: ELITTA FELL

LOOK! THAT CUNNING FOX HAS JUST COMMITTED ANOTHER ROBBERY!
DISGRACEFUL!
IT WASN'T ME! I'M OVER HERE!
SO? YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A FAST MOVER!
LOCK HIM UP AND THROW AWAY THE KEY!
STRONG STUFF!
COME ON, FOLKS! I'M A FREEDOM FIGHTER! WHY WOULD I TURN TO CRIME?
MAYBE SOCIETY MADE YOU DO IT!
I BLAME THE PARENTS!
GOT HIM! I CAPTURED TAILS! WHERE'S MY REWARD?
I COULD ESCAPE, BUT THAT WOULD ONLY MAKE ME LOOK GUILTY!
I'M FED UP OF BEING WRONGLY ACCUSED OF THESE ROBBERIES!" GIVE ME A CHANCE TO PROVE MY INNOCENCE!
WELL, OKAY... BUT JUST REMEMBER WE'LL BE WATCHING YOU!

*SINCE LAST ISSUE
-Megadroid.

LATER...
I HEAR THE PRICELESS GOLDEN BIKE FRAME OF THE STEPTOE ZONE IS ON DISPLAY AT THE MUSEUM!
LET'S HOPE THAT TAILS DOESN'T STEAL IT!
AHA!
THE MUSEUM...
ALL MINE!
HEY! THIS IS JUST A RUSTY OLD BIKE FRAME PAINTED GOLD!
CAUGHT YOU RED, er, GOLD HANDED!
SO! A SET-UP!
YOU'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT TO CATCH THE LEAF-MASTER THIEF!

AFTER ALL THE HASSLE YOU'VE CAUSED ME, I'M NOT LETTING YOU GET AWAY NOW!
MY MECHANICAL WINGS CAN OUT FLY YOUR PATHETIC TAILS ANY DAY!
WE'LL SEE!
ADMIT IT, TAILS! YOU'RE OUTCLASSED!
AT LEAST I'M NOT AN OUTLAW!
IT WAS FUN WHEN YOU WERE BLAMED FOR MY CRIMES, BUT THE WORLD SHOULD KNOW THAT THE LEAF IS THE MOST BRILLIANT, UNSTOPPABLE THIEF OF ALL TIME!
HAH! WHY NOT GIVE UP? YOU'RE TOO TIRED TO CATCH ME NOW!
GASP!

SPLUTTER!
FZZZ!
ACTUALLY, I WAS WAITING FOR YOUR BATTERIES TO RUN DOWN!
aw no!
AAAIIEEE!
OOF!
WHAT WERE YOU SAYING ABOUT ME NOT BEING ABLE TO CATCH YOU?
WELL DONE, TAILS! (COUGH) WE KNEW YOU WERE INNOCENT REALLY!
YOU HAD A FUNNY WAY OF SHOWING IT!
SORRY! THE THOUGHT OF YOU TURNING BAD WAS BEYOND BE-LEAF!
A JOKE LIKE THAT IS A CRIME IN ITSELF!
THE END.
NEXT ISSUE: A NEW TAILS ADVENTURE - WEATHER BEATEN!

ALWAYS JEALOUS OF OZZIE'S ACCEPTANCE INTO THE SKITTLES® GANG. RONNIE RASPBERRY HATCHES A PLAN TO GET RID OF OZZIE ONCE AND FOR ALL.
LATE ONE NIGHT HE BREAKS INTO THE GANG'S HQ AND STEALS OZZIE'S STASH OF JUICY ORANGES BEFORE GOING ON A SPLATTING SPREE...
FROM DOWNING ST. LONDON TO THE TOP OF THE EIFFEL TOWER PARIS, RONNIE SPLATS EVERYONE IN SIGHT.
PIZZA...
NO ONE IS SAFE!
INSPECTOR CLUELESS FROM THE NOT SO SERIOUS CRIME SQUAD IS SOON ON THE CASE.
WHO ME?
ALL FINGERS POINT TO OZZIE.
DESPITE PROTESTS BY THE OTHER GANG MEMBERS THE SQUEEZE IS PUT ON OZZIE AND HE IS DETAINED AT HER MAJESTY'S PLEASURE.
WILL OZZIE SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN A JAM?
WILL RONNIE GET AWAY WITH IT?
FIND OUT ON A PACK NEAR YOU.
Skittles
WATCH OUT! RONNIE RASPBERRY'S ABOUT

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TYNE OUT

Dear Megadroid,

I've been collecting *STC* since issue 61 as I thoroughly enjoy it, however, it seems to me that not many humes from the north east of England send in letters.

Jake Campbell,
South Shields, Tyne & Wear.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

Why no, Jake! On the other hand, perhaps a large percentage are too busy writing letters of admiration to Kenny Dalglish! Alternatively, creator hume Nigel Kitching could be blocking up your post boxes with his scripts and artwork!

Tekno & Amy at a crossroads!

James Kent,
Grafton Flyford, Worcs.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

Proof that even Sonic didn't miss out on a free ruler!

Darren Wiltshire, Burntwood, Staffs.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

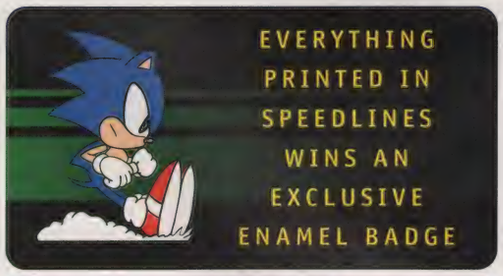
VIDEO NASTY

Dear *STC*,

I thought I'd share with you my idea of a great evening in - I'd put my feet up and settle down to watch a favourite video which would be something called either 'Sonic's Death' or 'Sonic Eats Amy'. Incidentally Tails is a big puff!

Scott A Hudson,
(age 98),
Colne, Lancs.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

Would these be bootleg videos, Scott? As for Tails, 'tis true things can get rather windy once his tails start propelling!



HISTORY OF GRIMER

Dear *STC*,

I have never seen such stories in a comic - they're ace. I'm sure all of my friends agree - one of them even tried to make his own *STC* but it was nowhere near as good as the real thing! The only thing I'm miffed about is that I don't know how Doctor Robotnik's sidekick Grimer came on the *STC* scene.

David Mulgrew,
Swadlincoat, Derbyshire.
Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

STC's Nigel Kitching (him again) got the name from 'Grimer Worm-tongue' - a character created back in the 1920's by a writer/illustrator called Mervyn Peak. Never let it be said, David, that STC isn't educational as well as enjoyable!

Decap Attack

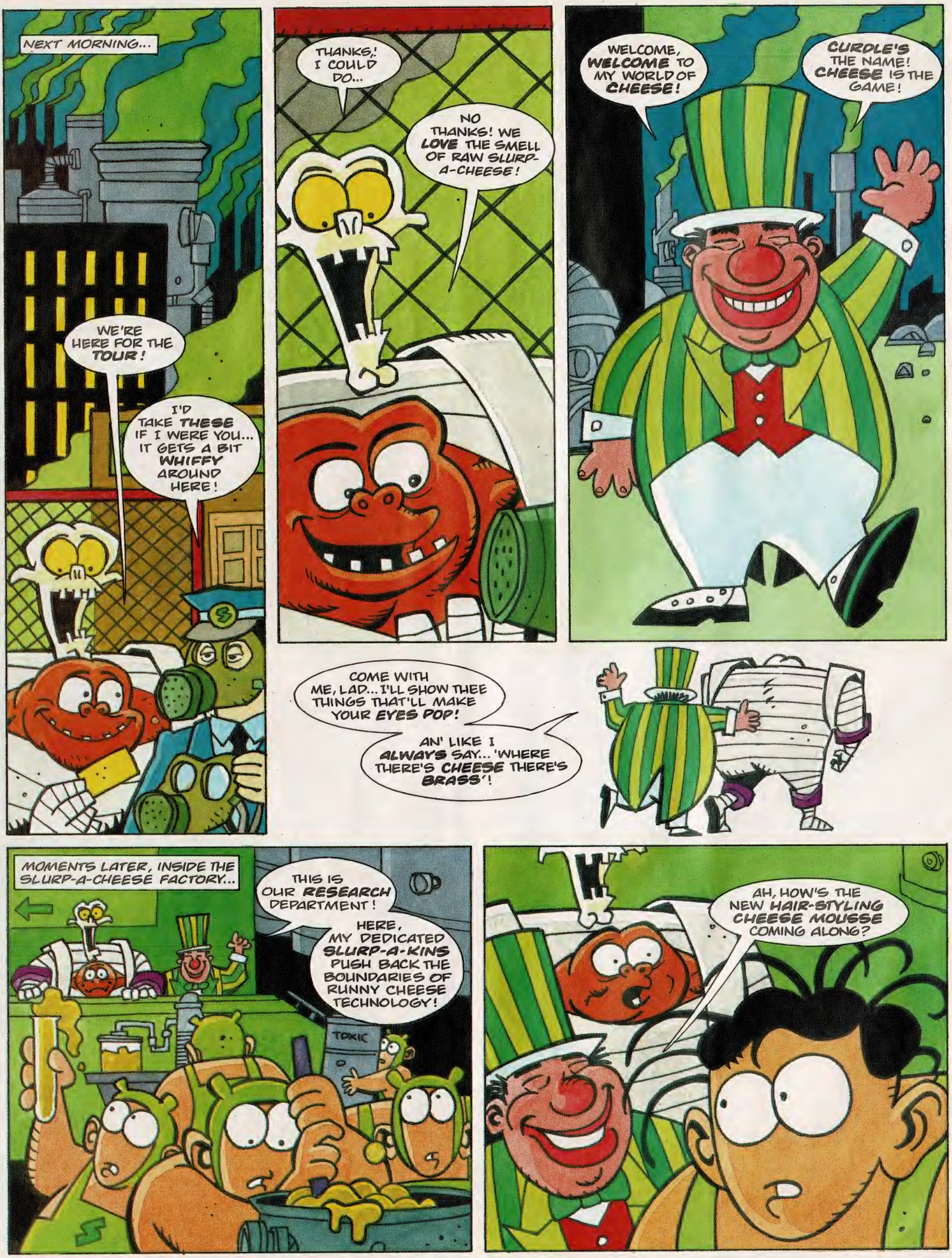
NEW PART 1

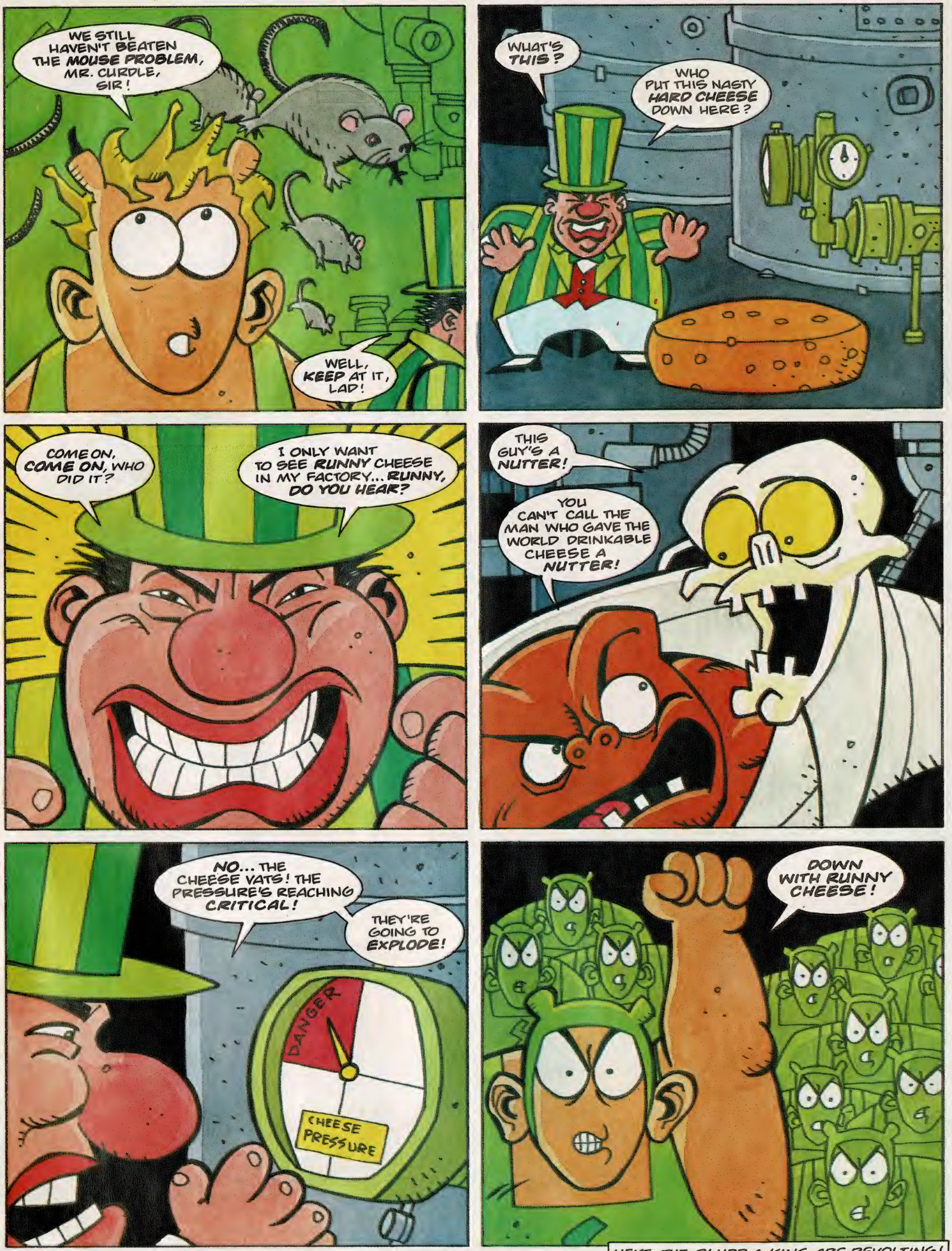
CHUCK AND THE CHEESE FACTORY

Script: NIGEL KITCHING & RICHARD RAYNER Art: NIGEL KITCHING Lettering: ELITTA FELL

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! HOW CAN YOU EAT THAT MUCK!
I KNEW YOU WERE UP TO SOMETHING, CHUCK, BUT I NEVER DREAMT YOU'D SUNK THIS LOW!
I... I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF... WHEN I HEARD THE NEW BARBECUED GIBBON FLAVOUR WAS OUT, I JUST HAD TO TRY IT!
YOU ACTUALLY LIKE SLURP-A-CHEESE? WAIT UNTIL THE PROFESSOR HEARS ABOUT THIS!
YOUR SECRET'S OUT!
NO! NOBODY MUST EVER KNOW!

SLURP-A-CHEESE? YEUCKK! THE STUFF LOOKS THE SAME COMING OUT AS IT DOES GOING IN!
I COULDN'T STOP HIM!
BOPP!
I THOUGHT I'D TRY IT JUST ONCE...
TOKK!
THE NEXT THING I KNEW I WAS ON THREE NOVELTY FLAVOURS A DAY!
HUH?
THIS IS AMAZING... I'VE WON A TOUR OF THE SLURP-A-CHEESE FACTORY!
Oh goodie...


NEXT MORNING...
WE'RE HERE FOR THE TOUR!
I'D TAKE THESE IF I WERE YOU... IT GETS A BIT WHIFFY AROUND HERE!
THANKS,! I COULD DO...
NO THANKS! WE LOVE THE SMELL OF RAW SLURP-A-CHEESE!
WELCOME, WELCOME TO MY WORLD OF CHEESE!
CURDLE'S THE NAME! CHEESE IS THE GAME!
COME WITH ME, LAD... I'LL SHOW THEE THINGS THAT'LL MAKE YOUR EYES POP!
AN' LIKE I ALWAYS SAY... 'WHERE THERE'S CHEESE THERE'S BRASS'!
MOMENTS LATER, INSIDE THE SLURP-A-CHEESE FACTORY...
THIS IS OUR RESEARCH DEPARTMENT!
HERE, MY DEDICATED SLURP-A-KINS PUSH BACK THE BOUNDARIES OF RUNNY CHEESE TECHNOLOGY!
TOXIC
AH, HOW'S THE NEW HAIR-STYLING CHEESE MOUSSE COMING ALONG?


WE STILL HAVEN'T BEATEN THE MOUSE PROBLEM, MR. CURDLE, SIR!
WELL, KEEP AT IT, LAD!
WHAT'S THIS?
WHO PUT THIS NASTY HARD CHEESE DOWN HERE?
COME ON, COME ON, WHO DID IT?
I ONLY WANT TO SEE RUNNY CHEESE IN MY FACTORY... RUNNY, DO YOU HEAR?
THIS GUY'S A NUTTER!
YOU CAN'T CALL THE MAN WHO GAVE THE WORLD DRINKABLE CHEESE A NUTTER!
NO... THE CHEESE VATS! THE PRESSURE'S REACHING CRITICAL!
THEY'RE GOING TO EXPLODE!
DANGER
CHEESE PRESSURE
DOWN WITH RUNNY CHEESE!
NEXT: THE SLURP-A-KINS ARE REVOLTING!

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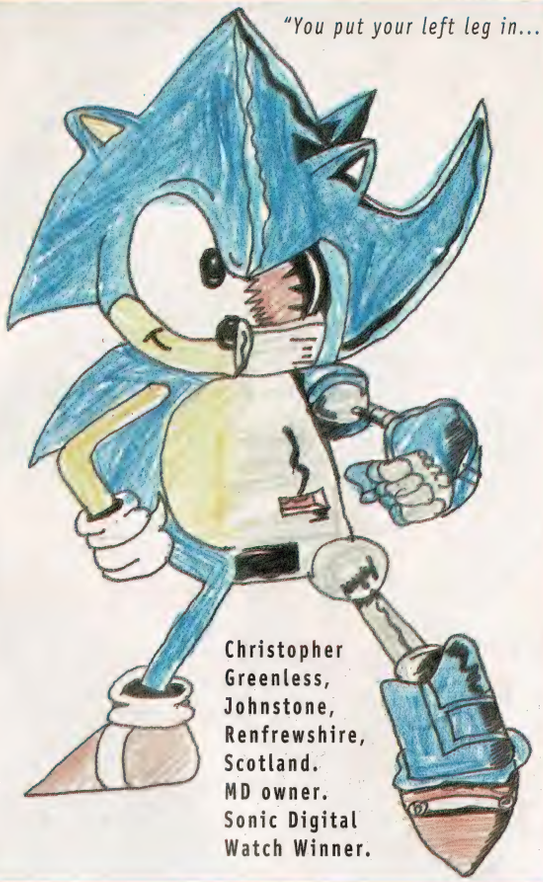
"You put your left leg in..."



Christopher Greenless, Johnstone, Renfrewshire, Scotland. MD owner. Sonic Digital Watch Winner.

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Brian Banks, Granton-on-Spey, Moray, Scotland. MD user. Sonic Digital Watch Winner.

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Sharp Metal!

Bionic Sonic!

Toby Pearce, please send in address details. Sonic Digital Watch Winner.

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SONIC'S WORLD
AMY & TEKNO

EARTHBOUND

NEW PART 1

Script: LEW STRINGER B & w art: BOB CORONA Colour: JOHN M BURNS Lettering: TOM FRAME

AMY AND TEKNO THE CANARY ARE TRYING TO FIND THEIR WAY BACK TO PLANET MOBIUS AFTER AN ADVENTURE IN DEEP SPACE...

GOOD OF THOSE ALIENS TO GIVE US THIS **SPACESHIP** AND A **MAP**, EH, AMY?*

MMM, BUT HERE'S THE BAD NEWS, TEKNO... WE'RE **LOST!**

*THE GENEROUS DONATION HAPPENED BETWEEN ISSUES! BEFORE YOU ASK, BOOMERS! – Megadroid.

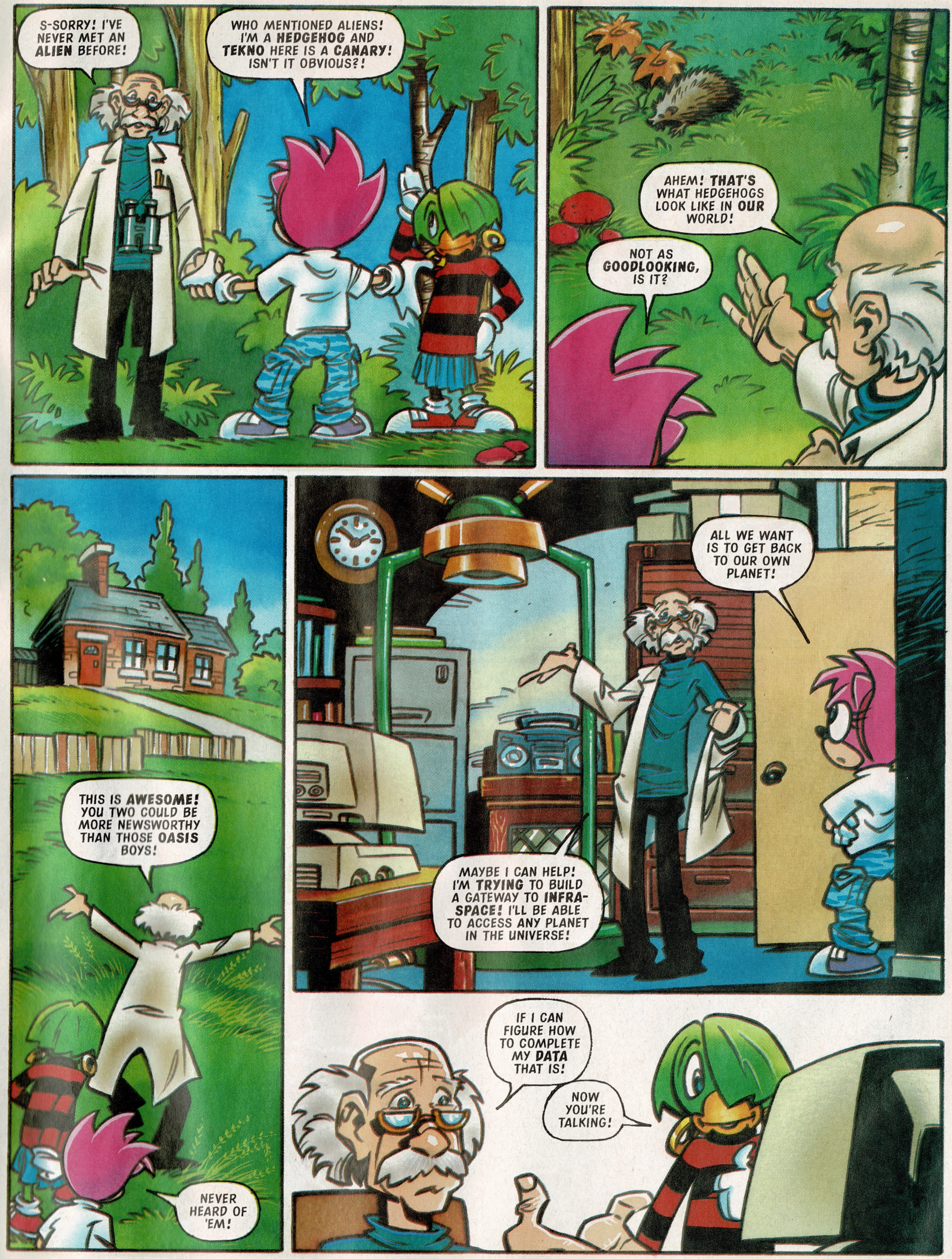
MAYBE WE SHOULD STOP AT THAT BLUE PLANET FOR **DIRECTIONS!**

OOER! HOPE THE **HEAT SHIELDS** ON THIS THING CAN COPE WITH ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE!

I JUST HOPE MY **STOMACH** CAN COPE! THIS LOOKS SET TO BE A **BUMPY LANDING!**

GASP! MY DREAMS HAVE COME TRUE! I'VE SPOTTED A UFO AT LONG LAST!
ALIENS ARE ACTUALLY LANDING HERE ON EARTH!
SKASH!
SCREEECH!
PFFFT

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL DRIVING SKILL!
THANKS! THOSE ANTI-GRAVITY BRAKES GRIP REAL GOOD!
IN A SECRET UNDERGROUND BASE A FEW MILES AWAY, THE LANDING HAS NOT GONE UN-NOTICED...
COLONEL GRANITE! WE HAVE CONFIRMED READINGS OF A DEFINITE UFO LANDING!
I'VE WAITED YEARS FOR THIS!
THIS IS WHAT OPERATION STARWATCH WAS SET UP FOR! CONDITION RED, MEN! WE'VE GOT ALIENS TO CATCH!
SIR! YES, SIR!
MEANWHILE...
HELLOOO? I... AM... PROFESSOR CRATERMASS... WELL... COME... TO... EARTH!
YO, PROFESSOR! DO ALL YOU EARTHY TYPES TALK SO SLOW?


S-SORRY! I'VE NEVER MET AN ALIEN BEFORE!
WHO MENTIONED ALIENS! I'M A HEDGEHOG AND TEKNO HERE IS A CANARY! ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?!
AHEM! THAT'S WHAT HEDGEHOGS LOOK LIKE IN OUR WORLD!
NOT AS GOODLOOKING, IS IT?
THIS IS AWESOME! YOU TWO COULD BE MORE NEWSWORTHY THAN THOSE OASIS BOYS!
NEVER HEARD OF 'EM!
ALL WE WANT IS TO GET BACK TO OUR OWN PLANET!
MAYBE I CAN HELP! I'M TRYING TO BUILD A GATEWAY TO INFRA-SPACE! I'LL BE ABLE TO ACCESS ANY PLANET IN THE UNIVERSE!
IF I CAN FIGURE HOW TO COMPLETE MY DATA THAT IS!
NOW YOU'RE TALKING!

YOU LOOK IMPRESSED, PROF!
WELL, WE DON'T GET MANY COMPUTER-LITERATE CANARIES ON EARTH!
SMASHH!
STEP AWAY FROM THE 'PUTER, ALIEN!
TRYING TO CONTACT YOUR INVASION FLEET, EH? FORGET IT, ALIENS! YOU'RE NOW PRISONERS OF OPERATION STARWATCH!
NEXT ISSUE: EARTHBOUND CONTINUES!

NEXT ISSUE...

WIN A GIANT MOUNTAIN BIKE PLUS SAFETY EQUIPMENT

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